

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 14, 2004

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2004**

**Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Correa (Chair), Shirley Horton (Vice Chair), Aghazarian, Bermudez, Koretz, Leno, Maldonado, Maze, Nation, Vargas, Wyland, and Yee)**

February 13, 2004

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An act to repeal and add Section 4532 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to psychiatric technicians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2004, as amended, Committee on Business and Professions. Psychiatric technician schools.

Existing law, the Psychiatric Technicians Law, requires the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to periodically inspect psychiatric technician schools and to approve as accredited the schools that meet the board's standards.

This bill would authorize the board to *have an official representative* inspect the schools by a site visit or a review of school documents or both, as determined by the board, and at the times the board deems necessary. *The bill would require the representative to prepare a written report for the board of the representative's inspection. The bill would require the board, upon receiving the representative's report, to immediately provide written notice to an accredited school that the board determines is not maintaining the board's standards. The bill would authorize the board to remove a school from the accredited list*

*if the school does not correct its deficiencies in order to maintain the board's standards within a reasonable time.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4532 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is repealed.

3 SEC. 2. Section 4532 is added to the Business and Professions  
4 Code, to read:

5 4532. (a) It shall be the board's duty, through an official  
6 representative, to inspect all psychiatric technician schools in this  
7 state by a site visit or review of school documents or both, as  
8 determined by the board, and at times the board deems necessary.  
9 The representative shall prepare a written report for the board of  
10 the representative's visits and review of school documents, and the  
11 board shall approve as accredited the psychiatric technician  
12 schools that meet the board's requirements.

13 (b) *Upon receiving the representative's report specified in*  
14 *subdivision (a), written notice shall be immediately provided to*  
15 *any accredited psychiatric technician school that the board*  
16 *determines is not maintaining the board's standards. If the*  
17 *psychiatric technician school does not correct its deficiencies in*  
18 *order to maintain the board's standards within a reasonable time,*  
19 *the board may remove the school from the accredited list and give*  
20 *the school written notice of the removal.*

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22 CORRECTIONS

23 **Heading — Line 2.**

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